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SUBJ: CIVAIR: BERLIN/ZURICH FLIGHTS

REFS: A) BERLIN 5544; B) BERN 5373; C) BERLIN 74/A-184

1. PAN AM BERLIN DISTURBED BY REPORT FOR ITS GENEVA
REP (ALSO CITED REF A) THAT SWISS ARE DELAYING PAN AM
APPLICATION FOR BERLIN/ZURICH SERVICE BECAUSE OF
SOVIET PROTEST REGARDING BERLIN FLIGHTS, AND HAS ASKED
THAT USG "PRESSURE" SWISS TO GRANT QUICK APPROVAL.

2. IN VIEW OF SWISS ASSURANCES THAT IT WILL GRANT
SAME DAILY RIGHTS TO PAN AM AS BA PROVIDED CAPACITY
SOLUTION FOUND, AND GIVEN APPARENT SWISS DISTASTE
FOR PRESSURE FROM SOVIETS AND EAST GERMANS, WE DOUBT
THAT US COUNTERPRESSURE WOULD BE PRODUCTIVE. HOWEVER,
WE DEFER TO EMBASSY BERN'S JUDGEMENT ON THIS. BERN HAS
POLITICAL TALKING POINTS ON SUBJECT (REF C, POUCHED TO
DCM ODELL ON NOVEMBER 30). WE HAVE TOLD PAN AM HERE
THAT WE THINK REGULAR INQUIRIES FROM THEIR
GENEVA REP, PLUS EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST BY EMBASSY BERN
(REFS A AND B) ARE SUFFICIENT TO PROTECT THEIR INTEREST.

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3. COMMENT: PAN AM IS WORRIED IT WILL NOT RECEIVE
SWISS PERMISSION PRIOR ITS MEETING BA IN LONDON
DECEMBER 14, AND CONSEQUENTLY WILL BE DIS-
ADVANTAGED AT BARGAINING TABLE. WE TOLD PAN AM WE
THINK THAT SWISS WELCOME APPLICATIONS, WILL TREAT
APPLICANTS EQUALLY, AND MERELY WANT ASSURANCE ON
CAPACITY ARRANGEMENT. WE THINK THE BEST WAY TO ENCOURAGE
SWISS APPROVAL IS FOR PAN AM TO CONCLUDE AGREEMENT WITH
BA DECEMBER 14. WE ALSO HAVE TOLD BRITISH HERE THAT
BA SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED MISINTERPRET LACK OF SWISS
APPROVAL TO DATE. EMBASSY MAY WANT TO TAKE THE
SAME LINE WITH THE BRITISH. GEORGE

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